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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, SA
SUBJECT: SAUDIS GIVE WESTERN ELECTRIC BOYCOTT CLEARANCE

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SAUDI BOYCOTT DIRECTOR AHRAR KHOJA TOLD USLO THAT HE HAD
GIVEN WESTERN ELECTRIC CLEARANCE TO CONTINUE WORKING IN
SAUDI ARABIA, DESPITE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CENTRAL BOYCOTT
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OFFICE THAT THE COMPANY WAS BLACKLISTED BECAUSE OF MANU-
FACTURING COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL. HE MADE HIS DECISION
ON THE BASIS OF THE DOCTRINE OF FATWA - A TEMPORARY SUS-
PENSION OF RELIGIOUS DUTY OUT OF PRACTICAL NECESSITY. SUCH
DISPENSATION CAN EFFECTIVELY BECOME PERMANENT. KHOJA
SAID THAT WESTERN ELECTRIC'S ROLE IN DEVELOPING THE
COUNTRY'S COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WAS OF SUCH OVERRIDING

IMPORTANCE IT JUSTIFIED AN EXCEPTION. KHOJA HOPED THAT
SAUDI ARABIA'S FAILURE TO EXCLUDE WESTERN ELECTRIC WOULD
PASS UNNOTICED IN THE ARAB LEAGUE. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN
NO HOSTILE CRITICISM.
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